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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Ex Parte 646 (Sub-No. 1), *Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the decision of the Board served December 19, 2006, the National Industrial Transportation League ("League") asks to participate in the hearing scheduled by the Board in this case for January 31, 2007. Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the League will be Mr. Curt Warfel, Manager, Logistics and Distribution, EKA Chemicals, Inc. and Chairman of the League; and Mr. Doug Kratzberg, Procurement - Supply Chain and Logistics, ExxonMobil Global Services Company, and Chairman of the League's Rail Transportation Committee.

The League requests a total of fifteen (15) minutes.

Sincerely,



Nicholas J. DiMichael
Counsel

The National Industrial Transportation League